



Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is November 23, 2014, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10, which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on October 7, 2015.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's June 2014 Medicaid application for failing to provide documentation needed to determine eligibility. On June 13, 2014, Petitioner, by way of her attorney, applied for Medicaid benefits. On November 7, 2014 the Union County Board of Social Services (UCBSS) issued a final notice advising Petitioner that her application was still pending because she had failed to provide the previously requested verifications. The notice clearly stated that Petitioner was required to produce the missing verifications on or before November 21, 2014 and that no extensions would be granted. On November 26, 2015, UCBSS denied Petitioner's application for failure to provide the requested documentation.

While there is much discussion about what may or may not have occurred prior to Petitioner filing a Medicaid application with UCBSS, the fact is Petitioner did not file a Medicaid application until June 2014. Therefore, the issue before us is whether ~~Petitioner provided the necessary verification for UCBSS to make an eligibility~~ determination in connection with the June 2014 application. The credible evidence in the record indicates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the November 26, 2014 denial of benefits. Without this information, UCBSS was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

THEREFORE, it is on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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Valerie J. Harr, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services